

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

RATE ADJUSTMENT OF WESTERN)
KENTUCKY GAS COMPANY ON)
NOTICE)

CASE NO. 8227

O R D E R

On the 20th day of April, 1981, Western Kentucky Gas Company filed its Notice with the Commission wherein it proposes to increase its rates for gas service rendered on and after the 10th day of May, 1981

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that a hearing and investigation will be necessary in order to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that such investigation cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That the proposed rates, charges and classifications be and they hereby are suspended and the application of the rates is deferred for a period of five (5) months on and after the 10th day of May, 1981.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That this case be and it hereby is set for hearing on the 20th day of May, 1981, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Western Kentucky Gas Company shall at least twenty days prior to the date of hearing mail to each customer a typewritten or printed notice of the proposed rates or charges setting forth the place, date and hour of the hearing. Alternatively, the Company shall publish once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation

in the areas served by the Company a notice setting forth the place, date and hour of hearing and the proposed rates or charges as set forth in the Application. Said notice shall include the following language:

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Western Kentucky Gas Company. However, the Public Service Commission may, after evidentiary hearings, order rates to be charged that differ from these proposed rates. Such action may result in an increase in rates for consumers other than those rates included in this notice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Western Kentucky Gas Company shall file or or before the date of hearing its testimony in verified prepared form.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That nothing contained herein shall preven the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter in the event the proceedings in this case shall be terminated by final Order and/or otherwise prior to the termination of the five month period of suspension.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of April, 1981.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary